

#144 PERCY JOHN FULTON: (PART TWO) IDENTIFYING VARIOUS PICTURES

PERCY JOHN FULTON (PF): This is one shot of the Royal Hawaiian with me on the surfboard taken in 1941. And some sailors possibly off of the same ship in uniform, in Navy uniform behind me. (Long pause) Twenty-one years old.

--: Mr. Fulton could you identify yourself on the tape, because this is another tape and if somebody puts this in the machine, they won't know who this is.

PF: P. John Fulton from Winston-Salem, North Carolina, on the surfboard.

We had had liberty given to us, probably at one o'clock and this is probably two o'clock in the day. Cannot tell from shadows what time. There are no shadows leading too far away from us.

--: What about the next one?

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PF: P. J. Fulton again, taken looking the other way with the Moana Hotel in the background and part of Diamond Head. The two men walking in the background are Marines from the Marine detachment off the USS *ST. LOUIS*. I weighed approximately one hundred and fifty pounds there. Fifty to less than what I weigh today. Right on the beach of Waikiki.

This is R. B. Bear from West Virginia, the man in the foreground, the Moana Hotel in the background, Diamond Head coming up behind you, Waikiki Beach. And R. B. Bear was in the Marine detachment aboard the USS *ST. LOUIS*. The two men walking behind him are from the same detachment.

This is another shot of Waikiki Beach taken of P. J. Fulton in 1941, which was known as the public beach then. Of course, they're all beaches, but this was you could drive your cars, if you owned cars, right up headed out to the beach. A portion of the mountain of Diamond Head in the background, taken in 1941.

This is P. J. Fulton, this is a shot of Waikiki with me lying on the surfboard with the Moana Hotel in the background and the man directly at my head was General R. E. LEE, who survived the men, the next two men to my left or your right, was Saunders and JEN-NEL, who were killed on the island of Bougainville. Which we got off the of the ship that we were on and joined the Third Marine Division and made the assault on the island, and Bougainville was the next island after Guadalcanal.

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. . . and two men in the picture are brothers, by the name of Love, L-0-V-E, from West Virginia, who were in the Marine detachment, aboard the USS *ST. LOUIS*. The man on the left did a little boxing in the Marine detachment aboard the ship. The man on the right was the younger of the two. And both of them survived, so far as I know, the war.

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This is another shot of Waikiki with Diamond Head in the background and the two men running in the picture are Largy and Bear, who were off the Marine detachment of the *USS ST. LOUIS*, and were aboard it December 7, 1941. Bear, from West Virginia and Largy from New York.

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This is P. J. Fulton, this is a shot of a theater we think is Waikiki No. 1, somewhere in Honolulu and if you will note the automobile is a 1940, '41 in it and older. The one moving out of focus there was probably a '39 Chevrolet.

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